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VENOM
ALONG CAME A SPIDER...
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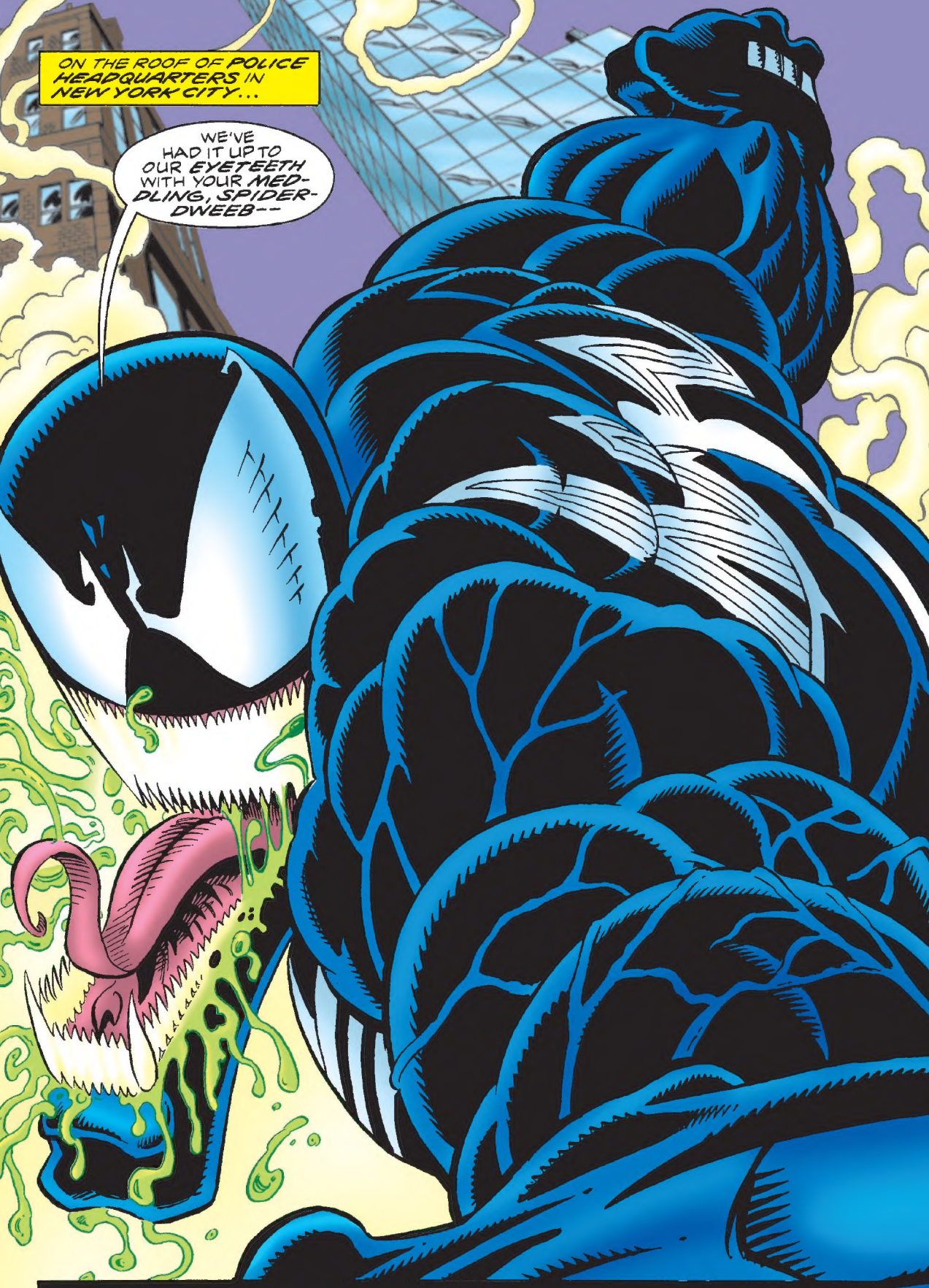


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... AND SAT DOWN BESIDE HER!

...AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANY-MORE!!

STOP IT, EDDIE--! YOU'RE GOING TO HURT HIM!

THAT IS ENTIRELY THE POINT, ANN!

HE'S STANDING IN THE WAY OF OUR RESCUING YOU FROM THE WICKED AND CORRUPT POLICE!!

WOOF! DID THAT EVER SMART--!

WHAT HAVE I GOT MYSELF INTO...?

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... I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE NEAR THE EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH THIS CREEP THAT MY CLONE HAD!
DETECTIVE STEEN, THIS IS BERNARDO AT THE FRONT DOOR!
VENOM IS ON THE ROOF, SMASHING UP THE FIXTURES WITH SPIDER-MAN!
WE'RE ON OUR WAY-- YOU SAY SPIDER-MAN IS HELPING HIM??
VENOM IS WIPING MY CLOCK, BUT GOOD!
CHECK IT OUT! MAJOR SUPER-GEEK-DUKE-OUT ON THE ROOF!
SECURITY 2 TO CENTRAL. PATCH ME THROUGH TO STEEN IN HQ, ASAP!
ROGER THAT!
NO! I MEAN HE'S THROWING SPIDER-MAN AROUND LIKE A RAG DOLL!
UNIT 40

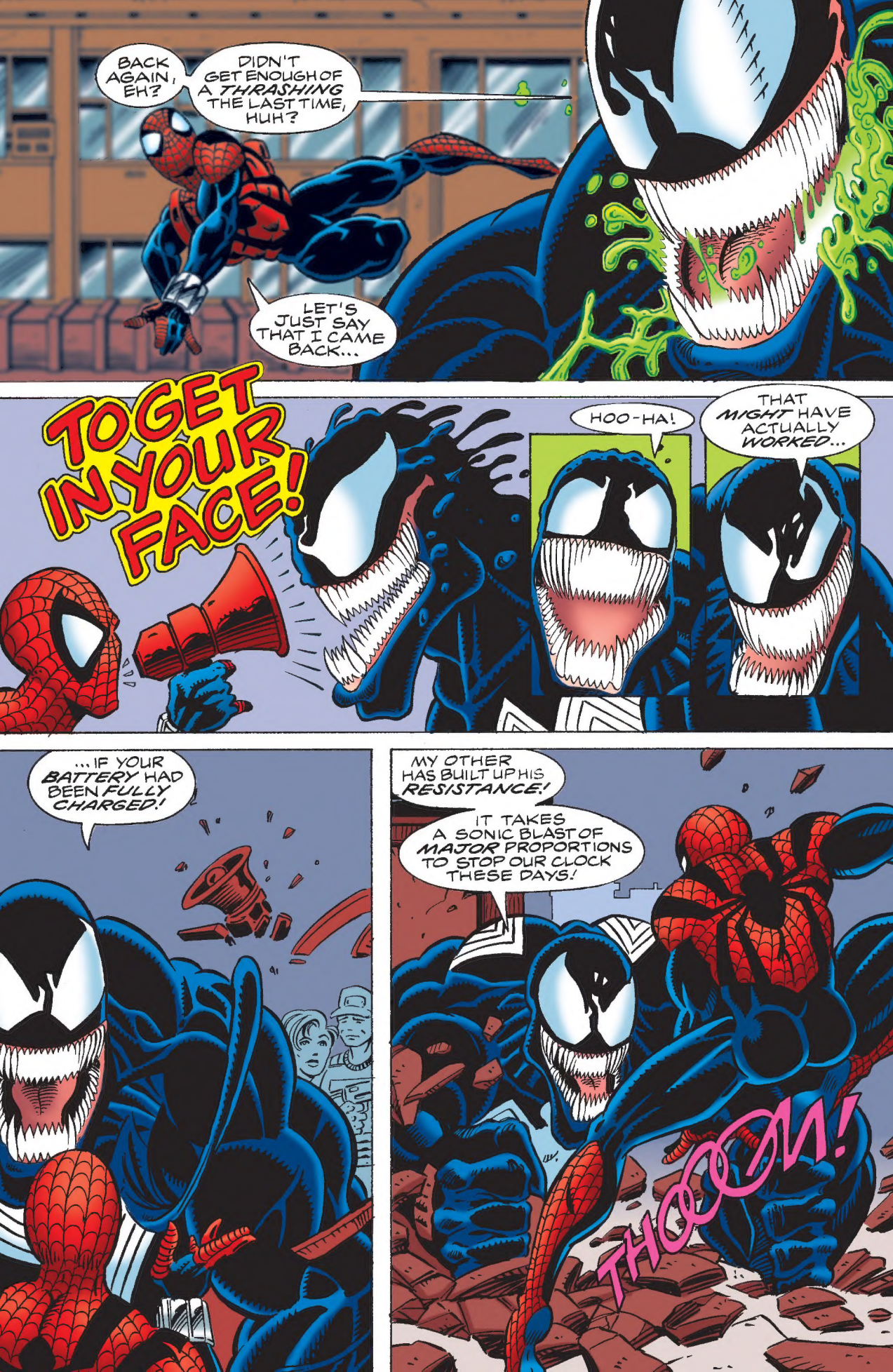
I'M NOT REALLY LYING HERE DAZED...
...I'M CONSERVING ENERGY AND DEVISING STRATEGY!
YEAH, THAT'S IT.
DIE, SPIDER-JERK!
NOT THIS TIME, VENOM-- THIS IS WHERE--
KA-THOOM!
THWAPP!
--I TURN IT ALL AROUND!
GUHH!

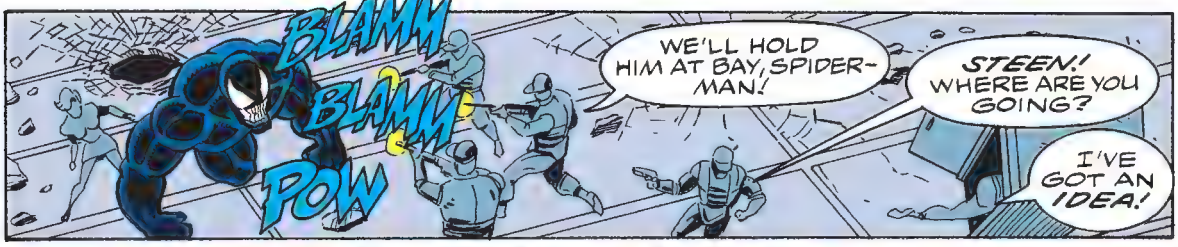
SPIDER-SENSE TINGLING--BUT WHO--?
YOW!
THWACK!
I'M SORRY, SPIDER-MAN! I DIDN'T WANT TO DO THAT...
...BUT YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT EDDIE WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP ME!
WE APPRECIATE THE GESTURE, ANN--
--BUT WE DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!
SPIDER-MAN HAS NEVER BEEN A MATCH FOR US! HE ONLY WON BEFORE BY TRICKERY--
--AND NOW WE KNOW ALL HIS TRICKS!
ALL MY CLONE'S TRICKS--
--BUT NONE OF MINE!
STOP IT! BOTH OF YOU!!!
WE'VE GOT HIM NOW--!

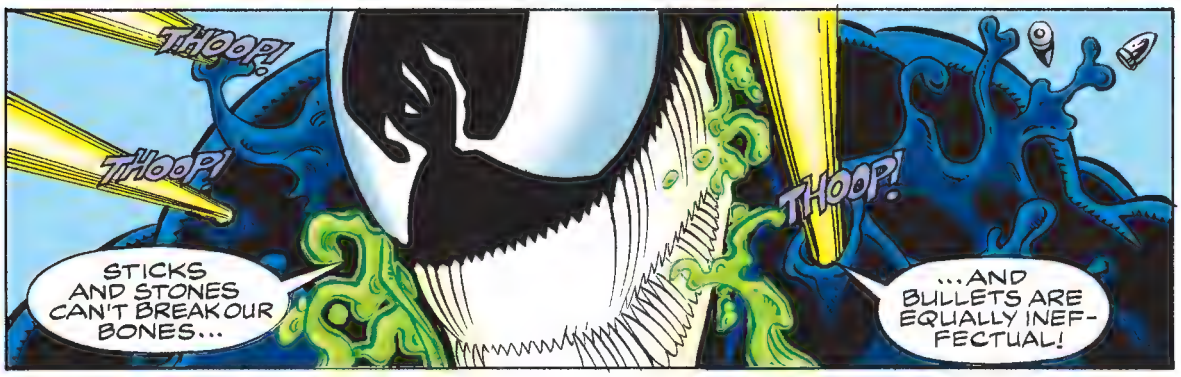
--BLAST HIM!
BLAMM
BLAMM
RATATATATAT
POW!
GET BEHIND ME, ANN!
THOOP!
THOOP!
THOOP!
THOOP!
THOOP!
EEEEEEEEE!
HOLD YOUR FIRE!
CAN'T YOU SEE THAT THERE'S A WOMAN IN THE LINE OF FIRE!?!
WE DIDN'T EVEN SEE HER, CLARK!
LAME EXCUSE, MARTUCCI...
WE CAN USE THIS LULL IN THE FESTIVITIES TO TIE UP THIS LITTLE PROBLEM--
URK!
I WASN'T EXPECTING HIM TO ZAP ME WITH HIS VERSION OF WEBBING!
SOMETHING NOT QUITE RIGHT ABOUT YOU, WEB-SLINGER!
YOU SHOULD BE WISE TO ALL OUR TECHNIQUES, BUT YOU'RE ACTING LIKE YOU NEVER TANGLED WITH US BEFORE!
I HAVE, BUT NOT AS MANY TIMES AS YOU THINK!*
* BEN REILLY ENCOUNTERED VENOM IN SPIDER-MAN #53 AND THE 1995 SPIDER-MAN SUPER-SPECIALS. --TOM

BUT HEY, WHY LOOK A GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH?
THIS IS FOR RUINING MY LIFE, SPIDER-MAN!
I MAY NOT EAT YOUR BRAINS--
--BUT THE WORMS CERTAINLY WILL!
I'LL BE BACK, VENOM!
I HOPE!

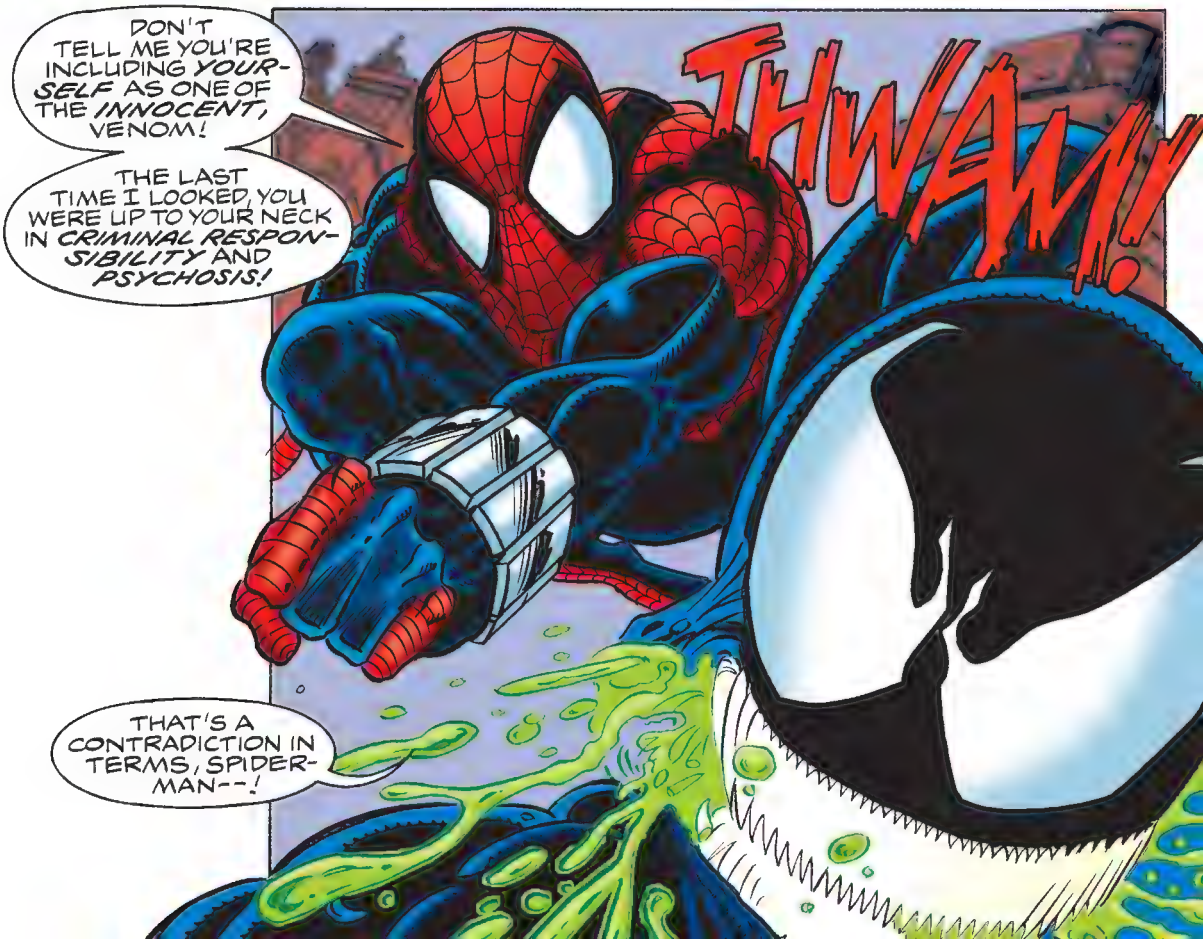
THIS IS GOING TO BE CLOSE!
THWIPP!
HEADS UP!!
WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE, SPIDER-MAN?
THAT WAS TOO CLOSE!
THIS STUFF HE SHOT ALL OVER ME ISN'T REALLY WEBBING--
--IT'S A PART OF HIS ALIEN OTHER AND IT LOSES STRENGTH AND COHESION THE FARTHER IT GETS FROM HIM!
--UNLIKE MY WEBBING!
POTENTIAL DANGER FOR YOUR FELLOW OFFICERS!
MIND IF I BORROW THIS?
BE MY GUEST!
YOU GONNA TALK HIM INTO SURRENDERING?
IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING!


BACK AGAIN, EH?
DIDN'T GET ENOUGH OF A THRASHING THE LAST TIME, HUH?
LET'S JUST SAY THAT I CAME BACK...
TO GET IN YOUR FACE!
HOO-HA!
THAT MIGHT HAVE ACTUALLY WORKED...
...IF YOUR BATTERY HAD BEEN FULLY CHARGED!
MY OTHER HAS BUILT UP HIS RESISTANCE!
IT TAKES A SONIC BLAST OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS TO STOP OUR CLOCK THESE DAYS!
THOOM!

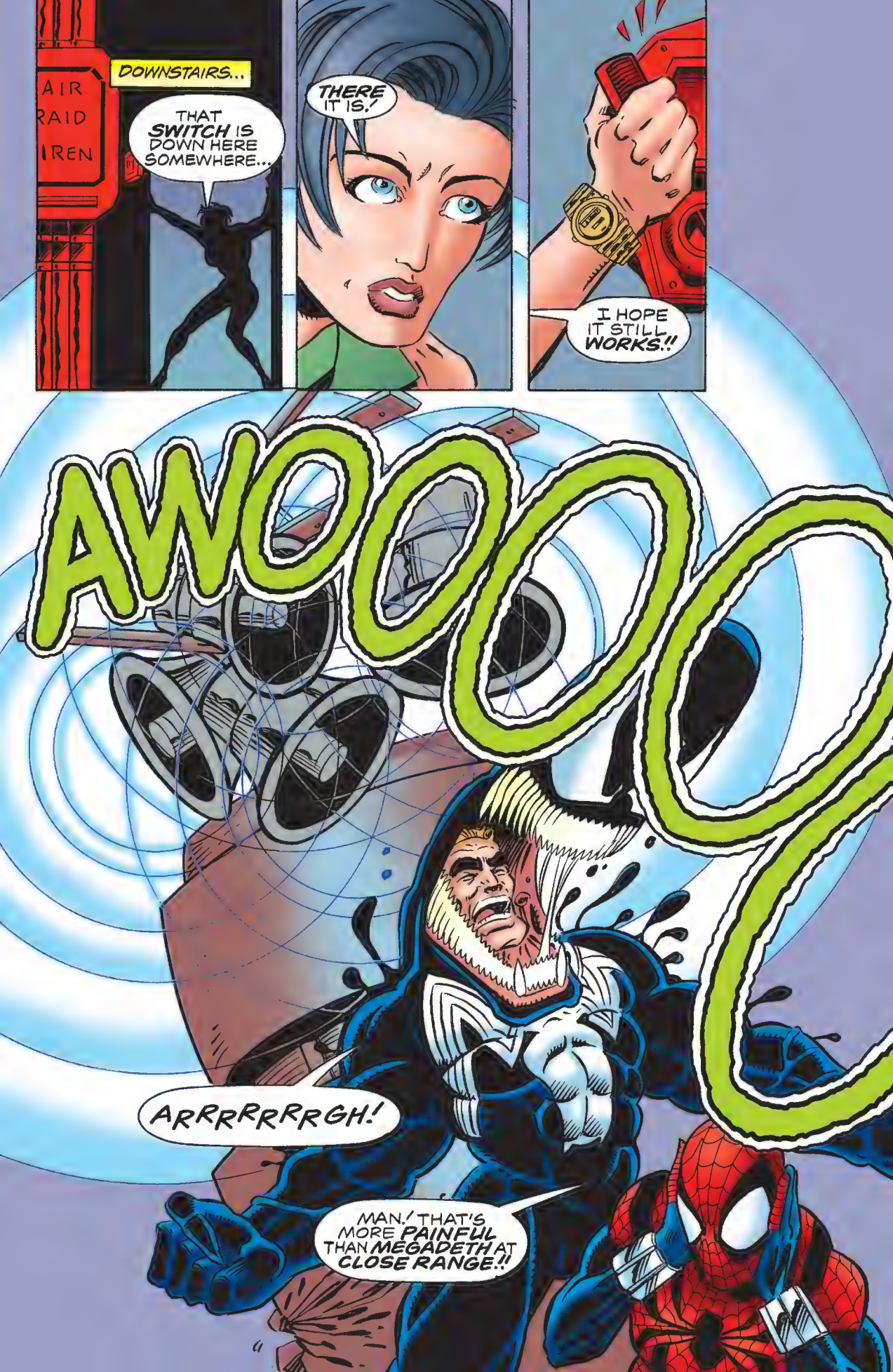

BLAMM
BLAMM
POW
WE'LL HOLD HIM AT BAY, SPIDER-MAN!
STEEN! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'VE GOT AN IDEA!


THOOP!
THOOP!
THOOP!
STICKS AND STONES CAN'T BREAK OUR BONES...
...AND BULLETS ARE EQUALLY INEFFECTUAL!

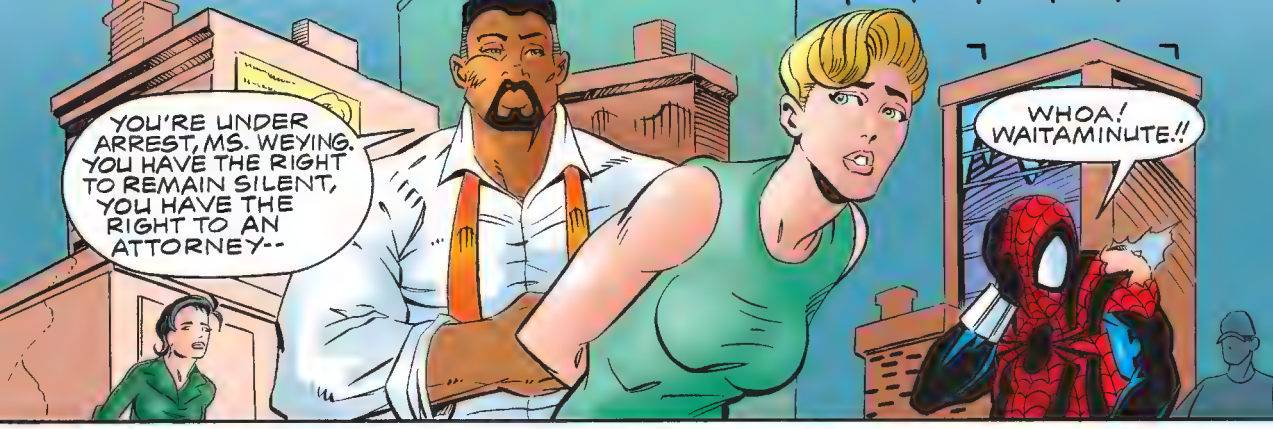
CEASE FIRE!
DON'T SHOOT HIM! YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM!
NO SENSE TRYING TO DEAL RATIONALLY WITH THE BRIBEMONGERS IN BLUE!
THEY ARE THE CORRUPT OPPRESSORS OF THE INNOCENT!

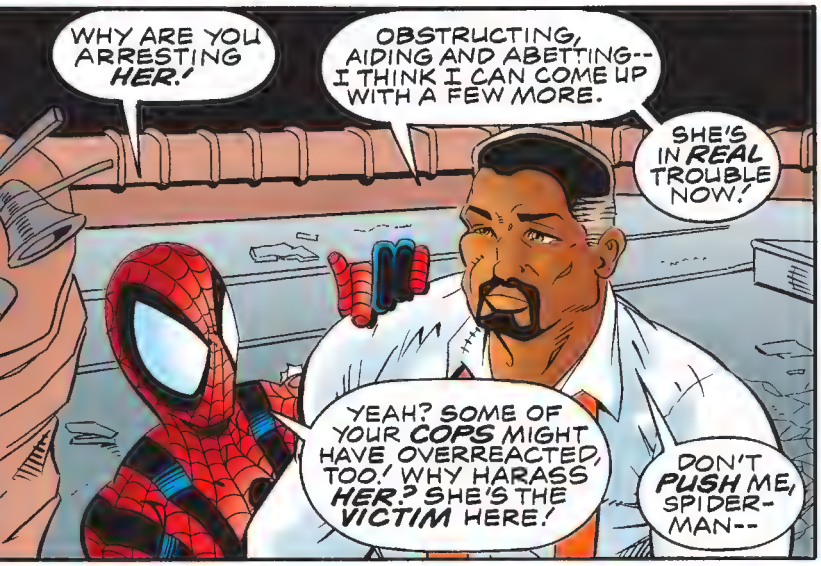

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE INCLUDING YOURSELF AS ONE OF THE INNOCENT, VENOM!
THE LAST TIME I LOOKED, YOU WERE UP TO YOUR NECK IN CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PSYCHOSIS!
THWAM!!
THAT'S A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS, SPIDER-MAN--!

IF WE WERE TRULY INSANE, WE WOULDN'T BE COMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL--
--AND WE WOULDN'T BE RESPONSIBLE!!
WHOMP
OOOOOF!
YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND--
--ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TERMINATING MY CAREER AS A JOURNALIST!!
YOU WERE A MENACE AS A REPORTER!
WHAPP
NOT BAD, SPIDER-TWERP-- WE ALMOST FELT THAT!
BUT NOT AS MUCH AS YOU'RE GOING TO FEEL--
--THIS!
KA-SHOOM
EEEEYOW!


AIR
RAID
IREN
DOWNSTAIRS...
THAT SWITCH IS DOWN HERE SOMEWHERE...
THERE IT IS.!
I HOPE IT STILL WORKS.!!
AWOOOO
ARRRRRRGH!
MAN.! THAT'S MORE PAINFUL THAN MEGADETH AT CLOSE RANGE.!!

HAVE
TO
GET AWAY!
HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE "CONE" OF THE SOUND WAVES!
KA THOOM
TAKE HIM DOWN!!
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF US, SPIDER-MAN.!!
YOUR PREVIOUS SINS WERE BAD ENOUGH, BUT NOW YOU'VE COME BETWEEN ME AND ANN.!

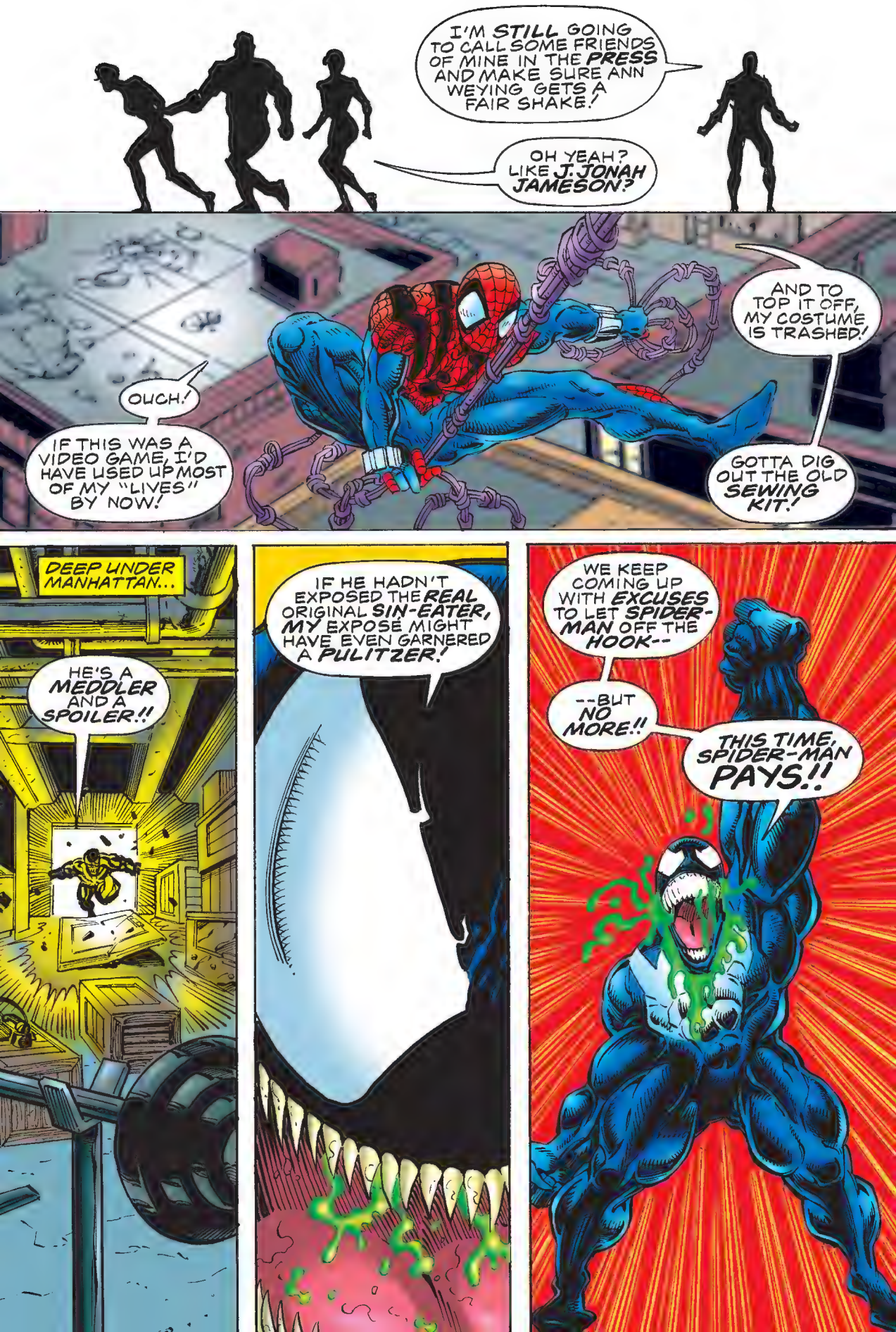

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, MS. WEYING. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY--
WHOA! WAITAMINUTE!!

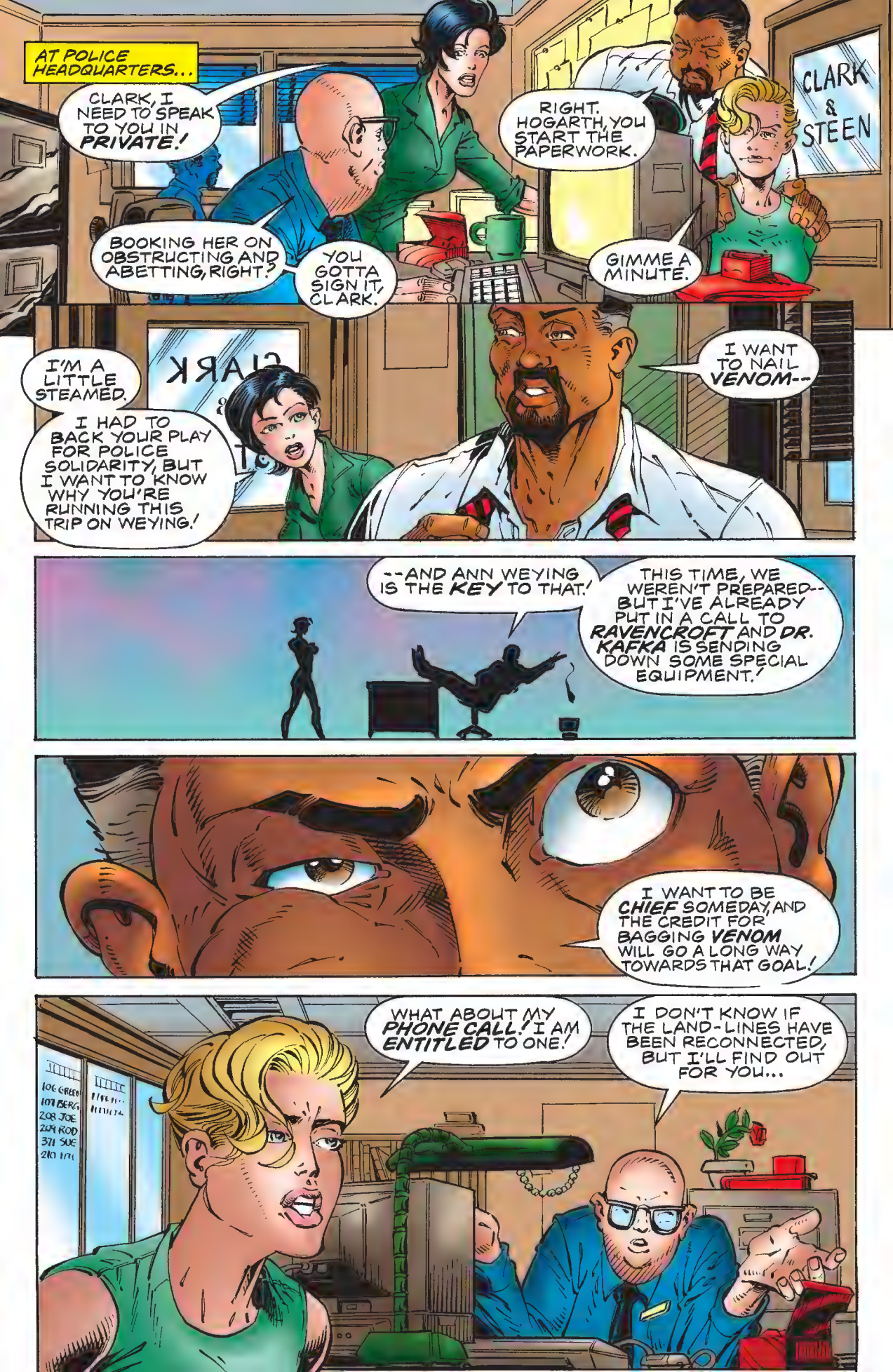

WHY ARE YOU ARRESTING HER!
OBSTRUCTING, AIDING AND ABETTING-- I THINK I CAN COME UP WITH A FEW MORE.
SHE'S IN REAL TROUBLE NOW!
YEAH? SOME OF YOUR COPS MIGHT HAVE OVERREACTED, TOO! WHY HARASS HER? SHE'S THE VICTIM HERE!
DON'T PUSH ME, SPIDER-MAN--

GONNA ARREST ME, TOO?
WE COULD, YOU KNOW!

WE COULD RUN YOU IN FOR ASSAULT, RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT, INTERFERING--
--BOTTOM LINE IS: YOU ARE NOT AN OFFICER OF THE LAW AND YOU ARE NOT EMPOWERED TO USE UNUSUAL AND DEADLY FORCE TO SUBDUE A PERPETRATOR!

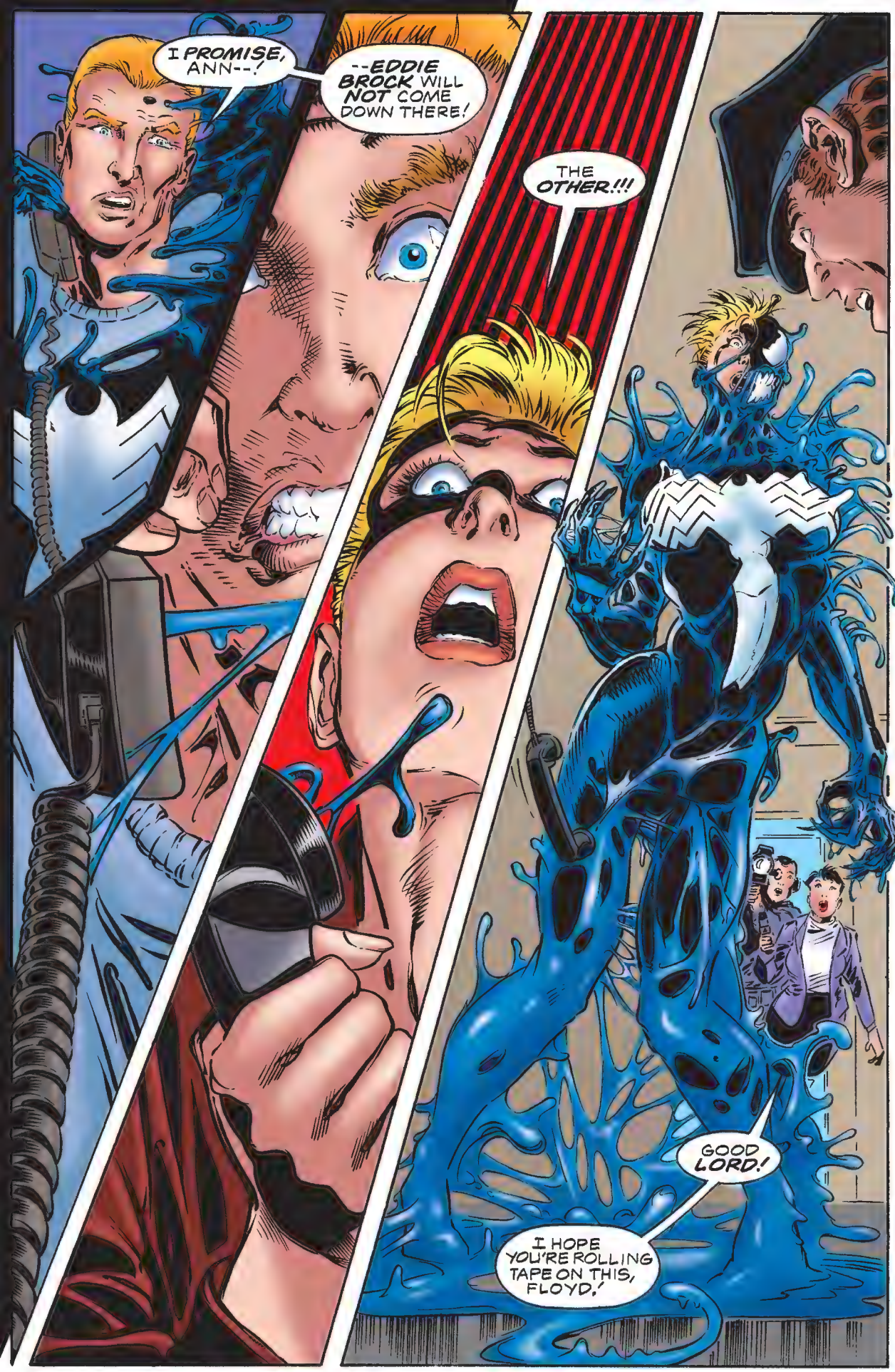
GOT IT?
GOT IT.

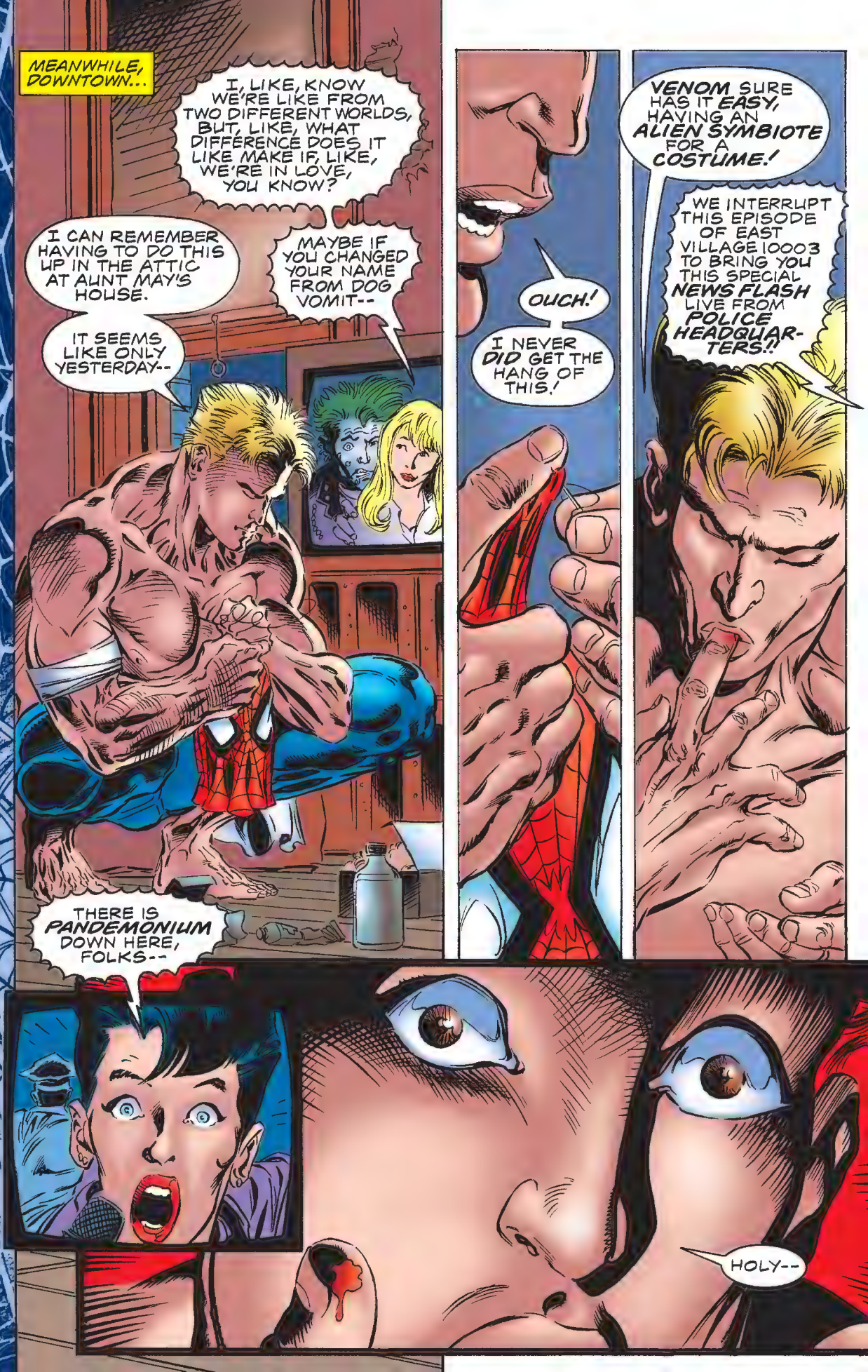

I'M STILL GOING TO CALL SOME FRIENDS OF MINE IN THE PRESS AND MAKE SURE ANN WEYING GETS A FAIR SHAKE!
OH YEAH? LIKE J. JONAH JAMESON?
AND TO TOP IT OFF, MY COSTUME IS TRASHED!
OUCH!
IF THIS WAS A VIDEO GAME, I'D HAVE USED UP MOST OF MY "LIVES" BY NOW!
GOTTA DIG OUT THE OLD SEWING KIT!
DEEP UNDER MANHATTAN...
HE'S A MEDDLER AND A SPOILER!!
IF HE HADN'T EXPOSED THE REAL ORIGINAL SIN-EATER, MY EXPOSÉ MIGHT HAVE EVEN GARNERED A PULITZER!
WE KEEP COMING UP WITH EXCUSES TO LET SPIDER-MAN OFF THE HOOK--
--BUT NO MORE!!
THIS TIME, SPIDER-MAN PAYS!!


AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
CLARK, I NEED TO SPEAK TO YOU IN PRIVATE!
RIGHT. HOGARTH, YOU START THE PAPERWORK.
CLARK & STEEN
BOOKING HER ON OBSTRUCTING AND ABETTING, RIGHT?
YOU GOTTA SIGN IT, CLARK.
GIMME A MINUTE.
I'M A LITTLE STEAMED.
I HAD TO BACK YOUR PLAY FOR POLICE SOLIDARITY, BUT I WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU'RE RUNNING THIS TRIP ON WEYING!
I WANT TO NAIL VENOM--
--AND ANN WEYING IS THE KEY TO THAT!
THIS TIME, WE WEREN'T PREPARED-- BUT I'VE ALREADY PUT IN A CALL TO RAVENCROFT AND DR. KAFKA IS SENDING DOWN SOME SPECIAL EQUIPMENT!
I WANT TO BE CHIEF SOMEDAY, AND THE CREDIT FOR BAGGING VENOM WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS THAT GOAL!
WHAT ABOUT MY PHONE CALL! I AM ENTITLED TO ONE!
I DON'T KNOW IF THE LAND-LINES HAVE BEEN RECONNECTED, BUT I'LL FIND OUT FOR YOU...

IN VENOM'S HIDEOUT...
HE'S A MENACE!
WE'D BE DOING THE REST OF THE WORLD A FAVOR! WE'D BE--
BRRING
I KNOW THIS NUMBER-- AND A LOT OF OTHER THINGS FROM WHEN WE WERE MELDED THROUGH YOUR OTHER!*
*LAST ISSUE. --TOM
WHA--?
NOBODY HAS THIS NUMBER!!
UNLESS IT IS A REAL CALL FOR THE SWITCHING TERMINAL FOR THE SUBWAY SYSTEM, WHICH IS THE LINE WE TAPPED INTO--
BUT WE CHOSE THAT LINE BECAUSE THAT WHOLE SECTION HAD BEEN CLOSED DOWN.! WHO--??
I'M UNDER ARREST AND IN TROUBLE, BUT I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME THAT YOU WON'T COME DOWN HERE AND BUST ME OUT AGAIN.!!
EDDIE? THIS IS ANN--
HEADS UP! IT'S THE FOURTH ESTATE!

TRISH TILBY JUST SHOWED UP WITH HER CAMERA CREW!
SOME APPLE-POLISHING BRASS-HAT WALTZED 'EM IN RIGHT THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR!
OH NO!
TURN THAT CAMERA OFF! WHO GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO SHOOT IN HERE?
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO HIDE, DETECTIVE STEEN?
DON'T THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW THE FACTS?
WHAT?
WHO LET WEYING MAKE A PHONE CALL?!
GET HER AWAY FROM THAT PHONE!!
GET THIS ALL ON TAPE, BOYS!!
SHE HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE A CALL! ARE YOU DENYING HER THAT RIGHT? IF SO--
I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, EDDIE!
YOU PROMISE ME RIGHT THIS SECOND THAT YOU WILL NOT COME DOWN HERE!!!
PROMISE, EDDIE!


I PROMISE, ANN--!
--EDDIE BROCK WILL NOT COME DOWN THERE!
THE OTHER!!!
GOOD LORD!
I HOPE YOU'RE ROLLING TAPE ON THIS, FLOYD!


MEANWHILE, DOWNTOWN...
I, LIKE, KNOW WE'RE LIKE FROM TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS, BUT, LIKE, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT LIKE MAKE IF, LIKE, WE'RE IN LOVE, YOU KNOW?
I CAN REMEMBER HAVING TO DO THIS UP IN THE ATTIC AT AUNT MAY'S HOUSE.
MAYBE IF YOU CHANGED YOUR NAME FROM DOG VOMIT--
IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY--
THERE IS PANDEMONIUM DOWN HERE, FOLKS--
OUCH!
I NEVER DID GET THE HANG OF THIS!
VENOM SURE HAS IT EASY, HAVING AN ALIEN SYMBIOTE FOR A COSTUME!
WE INTERRUPT THIS EPISODE OF EAST VILLAGE 10003 TO BRING YOU THIS SPECIAL NEWS FLASH LIVE FROM POLICE HEADQUARTERS!!
HOLY--

NEXT: AND FRIGHTENED ANN WEYING AWAY!

HYBRID, PHASE TWO:
FUSION
SKOLNICK STORY
ZIRCHER PENCILS
ADAMS INKS
NOVAK LETTERS
SMITH COLORS
MALIBU SEPS
BREVOORT EDITS
BUDIANSKY CHIEF
GAME OVER, Y'ALL... THIS IS AN EASY X COURT, AND WE TAKIN' IT!
YEAH? SCREW YOU, MAN! WE'RE FINISHIN' OUR GAME--
DEREK! DON'T--
YEAH, "DEREK"... DON'T.
'LESS YOU WANNA FIND Y'SELF IN A WHOLE HEAPIN' PILE OF $#%...
Y'MEAN LIKE THE ONE I'M STARIN' AT RIGHT NOW?
THA'S IT, MAN--
TAKE IT EASY, ALL OF YOU.
WE DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE--
THEN TELL YOUR BOY HERE TO STEP DOWN, BEFORE I--
UHHFF!
Y'THINK THAT GANGSTA TALK GONNA SCARE US OFF?
IT DON'T WASH, SEE? NOW #~*% OFF!

DON'T NOBODY SAY THIS LITTLE A*%%@ DI'N'T AX FOR THIS--
NO!
IT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN!
AAAAA
YOU BREAKIN' MY ARM, MAN-- YOU CRAZY?!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S CRAZY, "MAN"...
...ABOUT TO KILL SOMEONE OVER A £@%# BASKETBALL COURT?!
OVER--UNHH-- TERRITORY, MAN...
...RESPECT!

THREATENING A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD KID WITH A GUN IS GONNA GET YOU RESPECT?
WAKE UP, MAN.
SHOW SOME RESPECT FOR YOURSELF FIRST.
THEN MAYBE YOU'LL EARN IT FROM OTHERS.
HO $#*%, SCAR-- YOU GONNA TAKE THAT FROM HIM?
OH, I'M GONNA TAKE SUMPIN' FROM HIM, AWRIGHT...
...ONE PIECE AT A--
--TIME.
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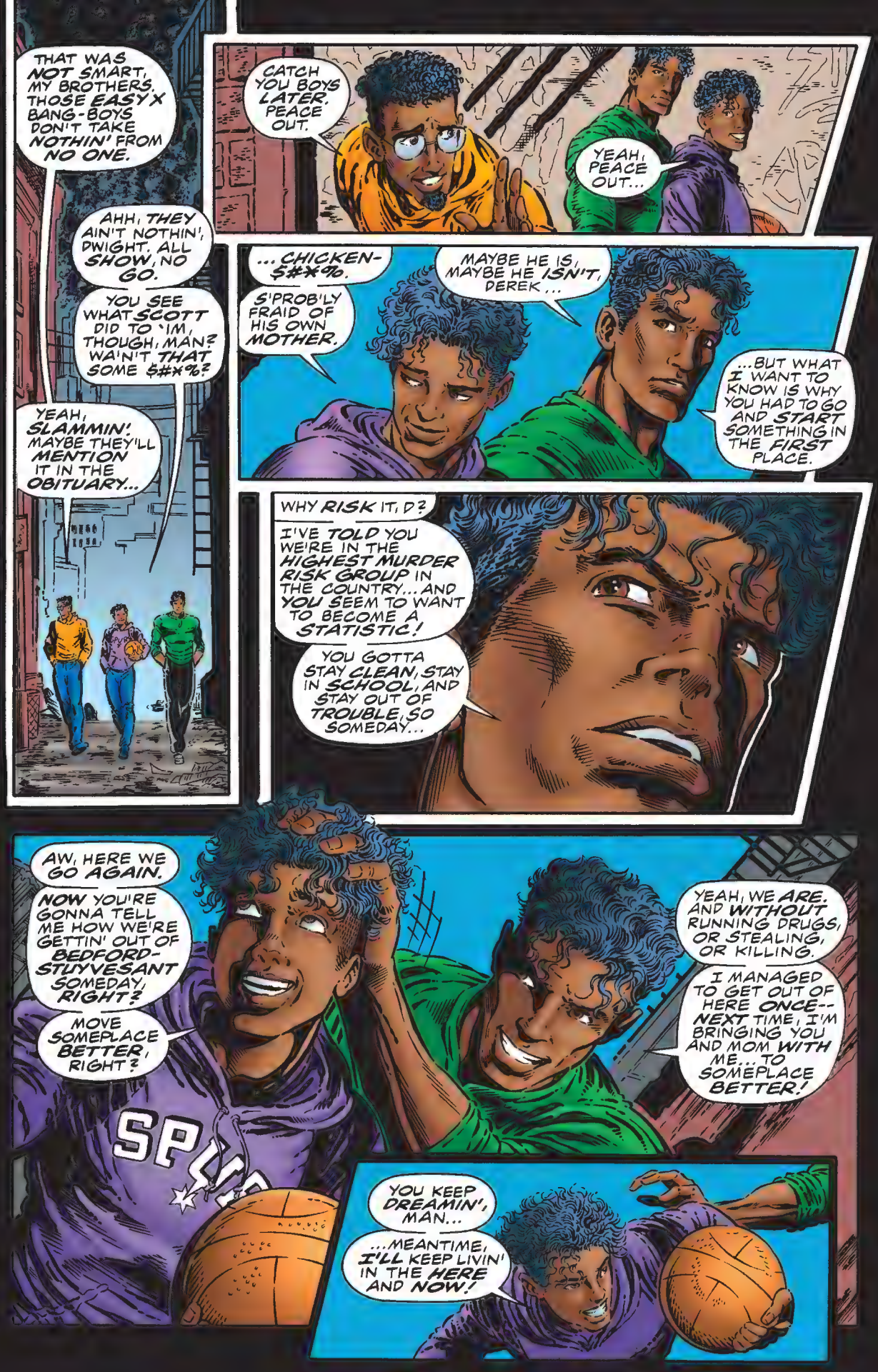
POLICE
$#*%.
Y'ALL WATCH YOUR BACKS, MAN...
...DON'T NOBODY SHOW ME UP.


THAT WAS NOT SMART, MY BROTHERS. THOSE EASY X BANG-BOYS DON'T TAKE NOTHIN' FROM NO ONE.
AHH, THEY AIN'T NOTHIN', DWIGHT. ALL SHOW, NO GO.
YOU SEE WHAT SCOTT DID TO 'IM, THOUGH, MAN? WA'N'T THAT SOME $#x%?
YEAH, SLAMMIN'. MAYBE THEY'LL MENTION IT IN THE OBITUARY...
CATCH YOU BOYS LATER. PEACE OUT.
YEAH, PEACE OUT...
...CHICKEN-$#x%.
S'PROB'LY FRAID OF HIS OWN MOTHER.
MAYBE HE IS, MAYBE HE ISN'T, DEREK...
...BUT WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHY YOU HAD TO GO AND START SOMETHING IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WHY RISK IT, D?
I'VE TOLD YOU WE'RE IN THE HIGHEST MURDER RISK GROUP IN THE COUNTRY... AND YOU SEEM TO WANT TO BECOME A STATISTIC!
YOU GOTTA STAY CLEAN, STAY IN SCHOOL, AND STAY OUT OF TROUBLE, SO SOMEDAY...
AW, HERE WE GO AGAIN.
NOW YOU'RE GONNA TELL ME HOW WE'RE GETTIN' OUT OF BEDFORD-STUYVESANT SOMEDAY, RIGHT?
MOVE SOMEPLACE BETTER, RIGHT?
YEAH, WE ARE. AND WITHOUT RUNNING DRUGS, OR STEALING, OR KILLING.
I MANAGED TO GET OUT OF HERE ONCE-- NEXT TIME, I'M BRINGING YOU AND MOM WITH ME... TO SOMEPLACE BETTER!
YOU KEEP DREAMIN', MAN...
...MEANTIME, I'LL KEEP LIVIN' IN THE HERE AND NOW!

YOU DO THAT, LITTLE BRO.
BUT I CAN TELL YOU FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, NO MATTER WHERE THE "HERE" IS, OR WHEN THE "NOW" IS...
...IT DOESN'T PAY TO PLAY WITH FIRE.
AND I SHOULD KNOW.
MY "HERE" WAS THE COLORADO SUPER-PRISON KNOWN AS THE VAULT, AS I LANDED A JOB AS GUARDSMAN NUMBER SIX.
MY "NOW" WAS JUST OVER A YEAR AGO.
ME AND THIRTY-FOUR OTHER SUPER-ARMORED GUARDS, KEEPING AN EYE ON UPWARDS OF FORTY SUPER-POWERED CRIMINALS...
...MOST OF WHOM WERE OUT-AND-OUT MENACES TO SOCIETY.
MOST, BUT NOT ALL. TAKE PRISONER #344678, VANCE ASTROVIK, WHO WE TRUSTED ENOUGH TO JOIN IN ON OUR TRAINING SESSIONS.
VANCE WAS A TELE-KINETIC WHO HAD USED HIS POWERS TO DEFEND HIMSELF AGAINST HIS ABU-SIVE FATHER...
...AND ENDED UP ACCIDENTALLY KILLING HIM.*
VANCE WAS PROBABLY THE MOST AMAZING PERSON I MET DURING MY TOUR AT THE VAULT.
NOT ONLY DID HE WILLINGLY COMPLY WITH THE COURT'S VERDICT AND SENTENCE...
...BUT HE ACTUALLY REFUSED THE HELP OF HIS TEAMMATES, THE NEW WARRIORS, WHEN THEY TRIED TO BUST HIM OUT OF JAIL!**
*IN NEW WARRIORS #20.
**NEW WARRIORS #26.

A YEAR LATER, I FOUND MYSELF TRANSFERRED TO TSTF-12, THE TOP-SECRET TESTING FACILITY IN NEW YORK'S ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS...
...WHERE SCIENTISTS WERE STUDYING THE FOUR ALIEN SYMBIOTES THAT HAD BEEN CAPTURED AFTER VENOM ESCAPED.*
*IN VENOM: SEPARATION ANXIETY.
AND THAT DECISION COST ME MY JOB... MY CAREER!
BUT THE SYMBIOTES BROKE FREE FROM DOC ZWERLING'S LITTLE TORTURE CHAMBER, MERGING INTO SOME KIND OF HYBRID CREATURE...
...AND THEN THEY MERGED WITH ME!
THAT WAS WHEN I REALIZED THEY WEREN'T EVIL LIKE THE VENOM SYMBIOTE...
...AND THAT THE SCIENTISTS WERE KILLING THEM WITH THEIR SADISTIC EXPERIMENTS!
I HAD THE CHANCE TO PREVENT THE HYBRID SYMBIOTES FROM ESCAPING, BUT I LET THEM GO.

I TOOK THE SITUATION INTO MY OWN HANDS. PLAYED WITH FIRE...
...AND GOT BURNED.
--YO, YOU EVEN LISTENIN' TO ME?
WHA--SORRY, D, WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?
I SAID, "WHEN THEY GONNA GIVE YOU A GUN AT YOUR NEW JOB?"
NEVER.
THERE AIN'T GONNA BE ANY GUNS IN THIS HOUSE, RIGHT?
RIGHT, MAMA.
:SIGH:
YOU'RE JUST IN TIME TO WATCH ME LEAVE FOR WORK, BOYS.
YOU KNOW, YOU COULD COME HOME EARLIER SO WE COULD SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER IN BETWEEN MY TWO JOBS...
...WHO KNOWS, YOU MIGHT EVEN HELP ME WITH SUPPER ONCE IN A WHILE, HUH?
SORRY, MAMA...
...JUS'--MROWWF--LOS' TRACK'A TIME--MRUHH--Y'KNOW?
I KNOW, AND DON'T TALK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL.
YOU WORKING TONIGHT, SCOTT?
YEAH, I START AT NINE.
MAYBE I'LL STOP BY McBURGER'S ON MY MIDNIGHT SNACK BREAK.
SURE, "YOU DESERVE A BREAK TODAY."
LORD KNOWS, WE ALL DO.

SHE'S WORKING SO HARD, TRYING TO KEEP OUR HEADS ABOVE WATER...
...$#*%, SO AM I...
...BUT THE GOVERNMENT BOYS DID A REAL GOOD JOB OF BLACKBALLING ME...
...WAS LUCKY TO GET THE NIGHTTIME SECURITY JOB AT THE METROCORP BUILDING, EVEN IF IT IS LOW-PAYING...
...GOT TO DO BETTER... FOR MAMA, FOR DEREK...
...GOT TO FIND A WAY... ...TO GET US ALL OUT OF THIS HELLHOLE...
pain
alone
together but still
alone
must find Other
must find Scott
needs us
need him

SO HOW'S IT GOIN', BIG BRO? YOU INVENTED THE LIGHTBULB YET, OR WHAT?
NAH, I'M AFRAID THERE AREN'T TOO MANY LIGHT-BULBS GOING OFF ABOVE MY HEAD RIGHT NOW.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SKETCHIN' OUT THAT ARMOR YOU USED TO WEAR--WHAT FOR?
SAME REASON I'M LEAVING FOR WORK IN A FEW MINUTES... TO MAKE MONEY SO WE CAN MOVE OUT OF THIS GHETTO.
SEE, I REMEMBER HOW MOST OF THE BASICS OF THE GUARDSMAN ARMOR WORK...
...BUT THE HARD PART IS FIGURING OUT A WAY TO CONVERT WHAT I KNOW INTO SOMETHING PRACTICAL, AND PROFITABLE, AND LEGAL...
HEY--I BET YOU COULD MAKE SOME GREAT CLIPS WITH THAT STUFF!
THUMPA
THUTHUMPA
THUMPA
THUTHUMPA
BANG-BABIES WITH LASERS, MAN... YOU COULD MAKE A FORTUNE.
YEAH, RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS.
MAN, WHAT IS UP WITH THOSE #%@&ERS AND THEIR CAR SUB-WOOFERS? FRIG-GIN' STEREO IS SHAKIN' THE DISHES, FOR GOD'S SAKE--

KRAKCH!
D, THE BACK DOOR-- MOVE!
THUMPA THU THUMPA THUMP THU THUMPA TH
POKK
POKK
POKK
NOOO
POKK
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THUMPA THUTHUMPA THUMPA THUTHUMPA
NNOOOO...
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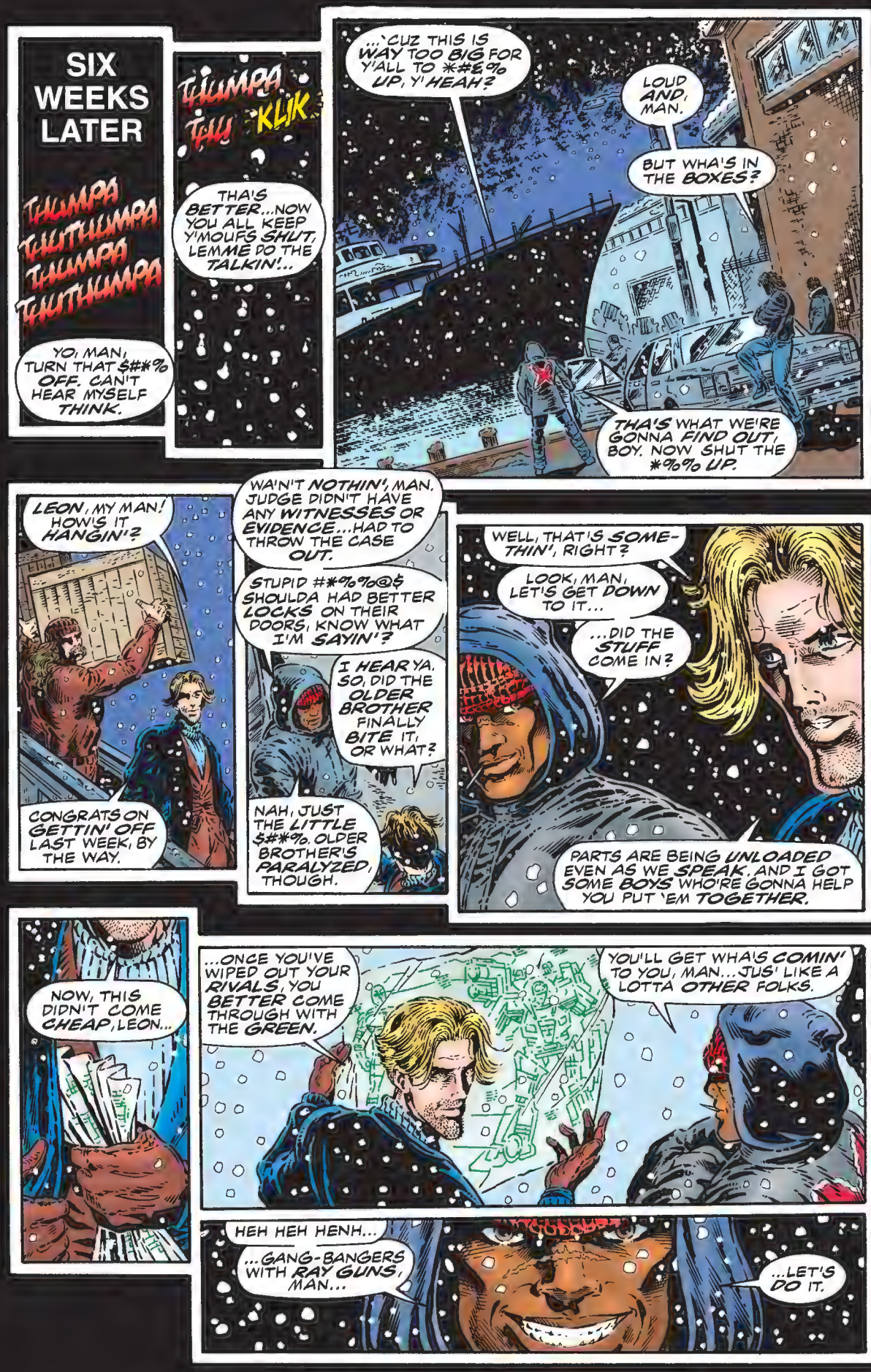
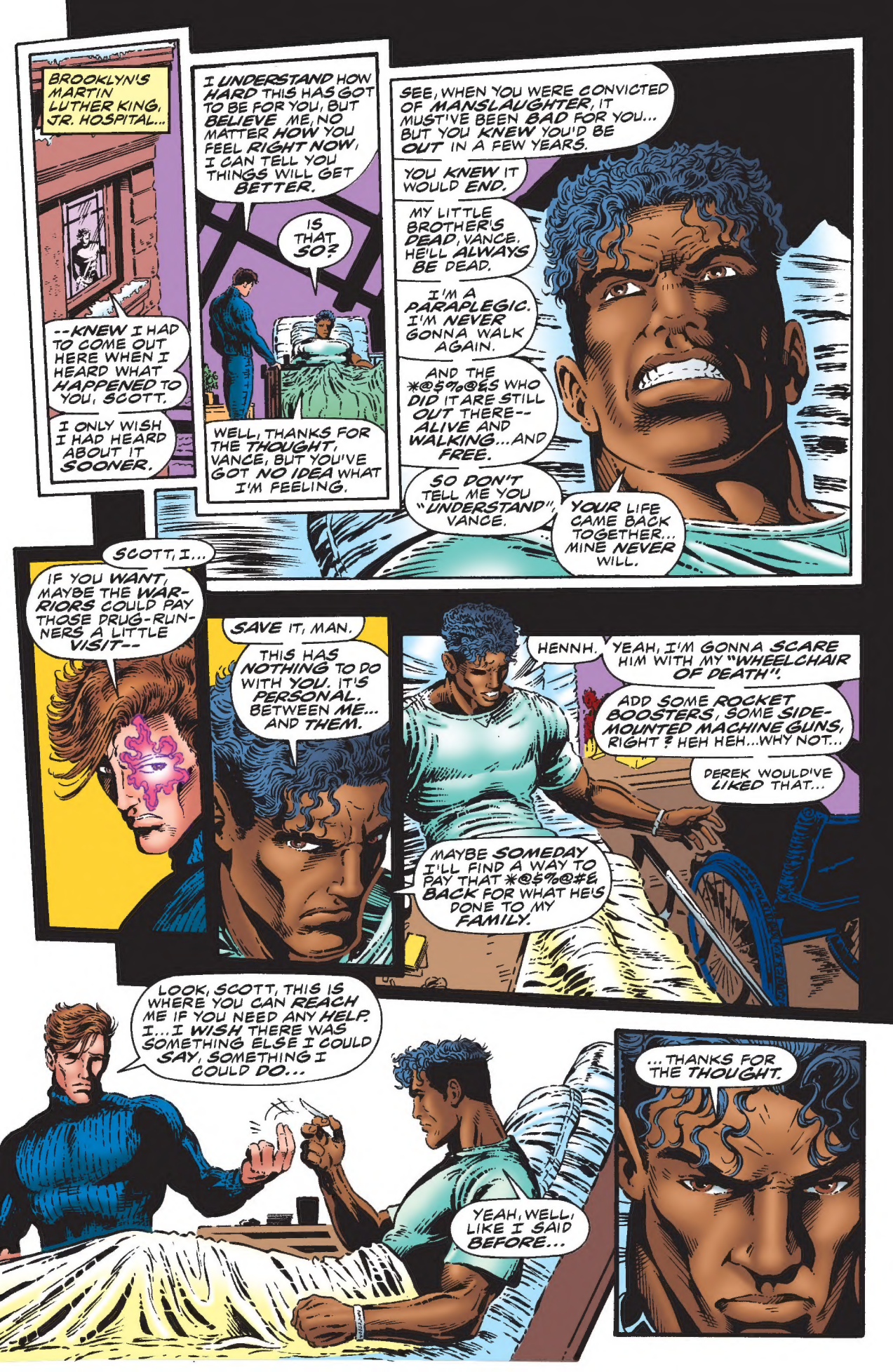
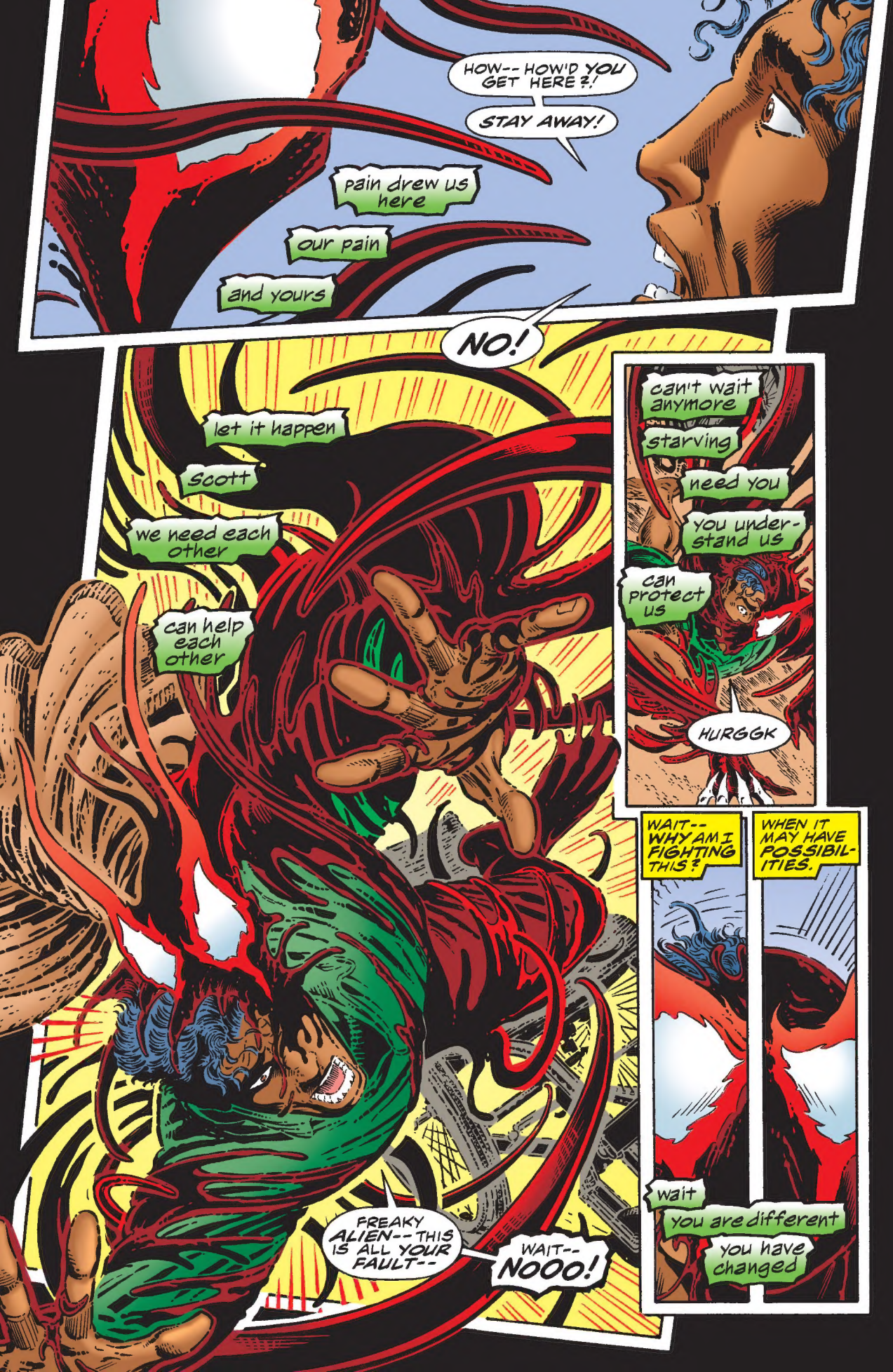
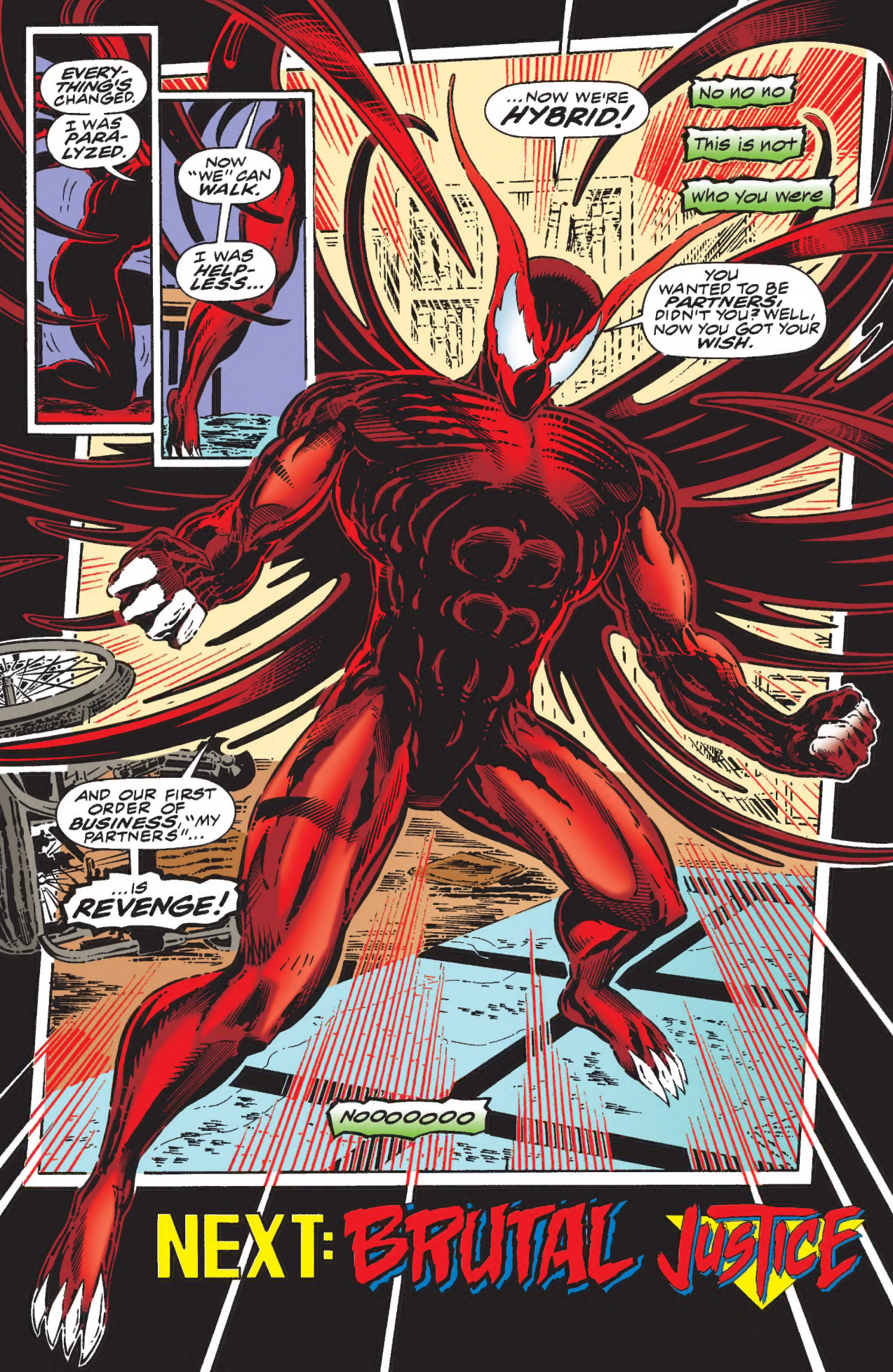

SIX WEEKS LATER
THUMPA THUTHUMPA THUMPA THUTHUMPA
YO, MAN, TURN THAT $#*% OFF. CAN'T HEAR MYSELF THINK.
THUMPA THU KLIK
THA'S BETTER...NOW YOU ALL KEEP Y'MOUFS SHUT, LEMME DO THE TALKIN'...
...'CUZ THIS IS WAY TOO BIG FOR Y'ALL TO *#£% UP, Y'HEAH?
LOUD AND, MAN.
BUT WHA'S IN THE BOXES?
THA'S WHAT WE'RE GONNA FIND OUT, BOY. NOW SHUT THE *%% UP.
LEON, MY MAN! HOW'S IT HANGIN'?
CONGRATS ON GETTIN' OFF LAST WEEK, BY THE WAY.
WA'N'T NOTHIN', MAN. JUDGE DIDN'T HAVE ANY WITNESSES OR EVIDENCE...HAD TO THROW THE CASE OUT.
STUPID #*%%@$ SHOULDA HAD BETTER LOCKS ON THEIR DOORS, KNOW WHAT I'M SAYIN'?
I HEAR YA. SO, DID THE OLDER BROTHER FINALLY BITE IT, OR WHAT?
NAH, JUST THE LITTLE $#*% OLDER BROTHER'S PARALYZED, THOUGH.
WELL, THAT'S SOMETHIN', RIGHT?
LOOK, MAN, LET'S GET DOWN TO IT...
...DID THE STUFF COME IN?
PARTS ARE BEING UNLOADED EVEN AS WE SPEAK, AND I GOT SOME BOYS WHO'RE GONNA HELP YOU PUT 'EM TOGETHER.
NOW, THIS DIDN'T COME CHEAP, LEON...
...ONCE YOU'VE WIPED OUT YOUR RIVALS, YOU BETTER COME THROUGH WITH THE GREEN.
YOU'LL GET WHA'S COMIN' TO YOU, MAN...JUS' LIKE A LOTTA OTHER FOLKS.
HEH HEH HENH...
...GANG-BANGERS WITH RAY GUNS, MAN...
...LET'S DO IT.


BROOKLYN'S MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOSPITAL...
--KNEW I HAD TO COME OUT HERE WHEN I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, SCOTT.
I ONLY WISH I HAD HEARD ABOUT IT SOONER.
I UNDERSTAND HOW HARD THIS HAS GOT TO BE FOR YOU, BUT BELIEVE ME, NO MATTER HOW YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW, I CAN TELL YOU THINGS WILL GET BETTER.
IS THAT SO?
WELL, THANKS FOR THE THOUGHT, VANCE, BUT YOU'VE GOT NO IDEA WHAT I'M FEELING.
SEE, WHEN YOU WERE CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER, IT MUST'VE BEEN BAD FOR YOU... BUT YOU KNEW YOU'D BE OUT IN A FEW YEARS.
YOU KNEW IT WOULD END.
MY LITTLE BROTHER'S DEAD, VANCE. HE'LL ALWAYS BE DEAD.
I'M A PARAPLEGIC. I'M NEVER GONNA WALK AGAIN.
AND THE *@$%@£S WHO DID IT ARE STILL OUT THERE-- ALIVE AND WALKING...AND FREE.
SO DON'T TELL ME YOU "UNDERSTAND", VANCE.
YOUR LIFE CAME BACK TOGETHER... MINE NEVER WILL.
SCOTT, I...
IF YOU WANT, MAYBE THE WARRIORS COULD PAY THOSE DRUG-RUNNERS A LITTLE VISIT--
SAVE IT, MAN.
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU. IT'S PERSONAL. BETWEEN ME... AND THEM.
HENNH.
YEAH, I'M GONNA SCARE HIM WITH MY "WHEELCHAIR OF DEATH".
ADD SOME ROCKET BOOSTERS, SOME SIDE-MOUNTED MACHINE GUNS, RIGHT? HEH HEH...WHY NOT...
DEREK WOULD'VE LIKED THAT...
MAYBE SOMEDAY I'LL FIND A WAY TO PAY THAT *@$%@#£ BACK FOR WHAT HE'S DONE TO MY FAMILY.
LOOK, SCOTT, THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN REACH ME IF YOU NEED ANY HELP. I...I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE I COULD SAY, SOMETHING I COULD DO...
YEAH, WELL, LIKE I SAID BEFORE...
...THANKS FOR THE THOUGHT.

HOME.
THAT WORD'S NEVER SOUNDED SO EMPTY.
WITH MAMA WORKING BACK-TO-BACK SHIFTS, TRYING TO COVER ALL OUR MEDICAL BILLS...
...AND WITH DEREK... GONE...
...THIS AIN'T HOME.
IT'S HELL.
THUMPA THUTHUMPA
--N-NO--CAN'T BE--NOT THEM AGAIN--
OH, GOD-- THAT NOISE--
--NEVER GET AWAY IN THIS CHAIR--
--I'M DEAD--
GEE-ZUS. J-JUST SOME KID WITH HIS NEW SUBWOOFER.
THUMPA THUTHUMPA THUMPA THUTHUMPA
I CAN'T EVEN WATCH A CAR GO BY WITHOUT BEING TERRIFIED!
THEY'VE TAKEN EVERYTHING FROM ME!
EVERYTHING!
no, Scott
not everything
WH-- OH MY GOD!


HOW-- HOW'D YOU GET HERE?!
STAY AWAY!
pain drew us here
our pain
and yours
NO!
let it happen
Scott
we need each other
can help each other
can't wait anymore
starving
need you
you understand us
can protect us
HURGGK
WAIT-- WHY AM I FIGHTING THIS?
WHEN IT MAY HAVE POSSIBILITIES.
wait
you are different
you have changed
FREAKY ALIEN-- THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT--
WAIT-- NOOO!


EVERY-THING'S CHANGED.
I WAS PARA-LYZED.
NOW "WE" CAN WALK.
I WAS HELP-LESS...
...NOW WE'RE HYBRID!
No no no
This is not
who you were
YOU WANTED TO BE PARTNERS, DIDN'T YOU? WELL, NOW YOU GOT YOUR WISH.
AND OUR FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, "MY PARTNERS"...
...IS REVENGE!
NOOOOOOO
NEXT: BRUTAL JUSTICE